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A Monument To War

VERY now and then some one suggests that we have a war memorial of some kind. It has been suggested that we have a Community House dedicated to the memory of our soldier dead. Others have suggested a monument of stone or bronze to be erected on the courthouse square. I say let's have a monument; but let it be a monument symbolic of war. I would have no petty ornate shafts idealizing war or anything connected with war, for nothing good ever came of war.

Let us then have a war memorial that will keep the horror of war ever before us and hold the truly frightful face of the thing up to our impressionable young. If it is to be a monument to our illustrious hero, Corporal Seth Edward Perry, then let us subscribe enough money to the thing to secure the services of some really great sculptor who will create for us something entirely different in war memorials.

The rotundas of our capitals, our parks and our public squares are adorned with so many monuments that glorify war. Great generals in handsomely tailored costumes, astride wonderful prancing horses; or fine, athletic young men in form-fitting uniforms, rifles in hand or swords flourished, faces thrust forward, sublime in their pose; these are the monuments we see; all designed to inspire hero worship in the beholder. War is made noble, respectable and altogether desirable by all our testimonials.

Let's commemorate war more fittingly here if we are to commemorate it at all. I would suggest a colossal figure of a low-browed monster with glowering eyes, dilated nostrils, snarling lips, with the fangs of a serpent for teeth and the claws of a beast for hands. I would impose our hero in the arms of this hideous monster, crushed in the arms of this hideous monster, his bones crushed by the beast, his very heart torn out by the claws of the beast.

At the feet of the monster I would lay the crushed form of a heart-broken mother, a rough shod foot of the beast implanted in her bleeding breasts, while all about the base of the monument would be imposed the naked, bruised and maimed bodies of starving, fatherless children.

No impressionable school-boy with shining morning face passing by such a monument would leave it with false notions about the glories of war, but would retain an indelible impression of war's inhumanity and irreparable folly. And that's the only sort of war memorial I would indorse or subscribe a dollar for. We will never end war so long as we glorify it; we will end war when we represent it to ourselves as it really is—the colossal height of human ignorance, sin and stupidity.

Negro Education

MORE than three million dollars will be invested in the public education of Negroes in North Carolina during the next twelve months. Of this amount approximately a million dollars will be invested in new school buildings and equipment. The fact of such a vast expenditure of money for Negro education is viewed with alarm by thousands of white people who see in Negro education the passing of the ignorant, slovenly, happy-go-lucky scullion who did one's household drudgery for a dollar and a half a week and what she could eat and carry home. They see aright; the ignorant, dirty, incompetent—tho humble and good-natured—Negro cook and housegirl is truly passing; she will presently be as extinct as the Indian in this part of the country.

Education is fast taking colored girls out of the wash tubs and out of the kitchens of Southern white people. Those colored girls who require an education acquire at the same time a higher standard of living that will not enable them to compete with their ignorant, lowly paid sisters.

All of this is deplorable to a lot of white people who prefer a plethora of ignorant, unskilled, unrepentant labor that can be hired for a pittance and treated like peons. But the country is going to be infinitely better off for its educated colored people. The average girl who acquires an education at the State Normal School for that race at Elizabeth City comes out of that school a better citizen. She not only acquires a lot of those facts that we call education, but she acquires what is better still, a sense of her social responsibilities and an appreciation of the possibilities of human development. She acquires a fine regard for tidiness, cleanliness and personal hygiene; she learns to do things with thoroughness; to make and repair and launder her own clothing. And she learns how to prepare and serve a wholesome meal daintily and efficiently. She learns good manners.

Those girls are not now helping to make better homes for white people, but they are making better homes among their own people and raising the living standards and ethical standards of their own race, which is a fact of immense importance to the health and social well being of all white people.

The time will come when the educated colored girl or woman will be available for domestic employment. When the art of cooking and washing and ironing and housekeeping have been a little better perfected; when we have learned to make a greater use of labor-saving machinery in the home and have systematized our house-work and eliminated so many of our present useless, cumbersome and extravagant methods of doing things, skilled labor will come to our rescue because there will be no place for the unskilled. But maybe when we reach this stage of domestic development we will not require any help at all. That would be the ideal condition and it is a condition that is not at all unattainable.

Backward or Forward?

WHEN the time comes that I must bury the hatchet with evil in this town that time shall I discontinue the publication of this newspaper. Elizabeth City is on the eve of an important municipal election. I would be recreant to every duty if I did not continue to warn the people that the election of a Board of Aldermen that can be controlled by Mack Sawyer, E. F. Aydtlett and P. H. Williams would be the greatest calamity that could befall this town. They are our most re-actionary citizens and Sawyer and Aydtlett have been the real disturbing elements in this community for a quarter of a century. There can be no good government, no harmony, and no progress with these men in power. Shall we go backward or forward? Tuesday's election will tell.

Now Let's Play!

COMMUNITY SERVICE, INC., of New York, has sent Frank Traenkle to Elizabeth City as community play-leader and recreational worker. He will train leaders from the schools, churches and other organizations so that they will be capable of handling any kind of games and mass play where needed.

Here is an opportunity to prove or disprove our theories. Do we really want supervised playgrounds and wholesome recreation for our children, or are we content with present conditions and willing that they shall have no better place to play than is at present afforded by the streets, the water front, vacant lots and back alleys?

If other and more wholesome places are not provided, may we not expect that our young men and boys shall become proficient cigarette smokers, crap shooters and card sharks, and that their moral sense will be drilled and deadened by the questionable stories and general conversation that they must hear under such conditions?

What can we expect of our youth if we do not give them an opportunity for wholesome recreation under wise and sympathetic leadership. The abundant life comes through expression. Repression leads to stagnation—death. Let us not deceive ourselves. Youth has never yet been successfully repressed. We have been unwilling students and slow to learn. It was the negative teachings, the "Thou shalt nots" of the Old Testament that made the Pharisees outward conformists, complying with the letter of the law, but whom "The great Teacher" condemned as "ravening wolves" and "whited sepulchers."

It has been the positive teachings, the "Thou shalt" of the New Testament, that have been and are transforming the world. Would it not be wise for Elizabeth City to adopt the methods of "The great Teacher" and offer the youth of the city a positive program of "Thou Shalts," or better still, a program in which we older folks will co-operate to secure expression of a helpful nature?

Elizabeth City has recently been stunned by a revelation of the low moral standards prevailing among certain groups. We do not believe that Elizabeth City is morally worse than other cities of the same size, but we must not deceive ourselves by thinking that nothing should be done. The situation is critical. Not for what the past has revealed, not for what the present seems to indicate, but for what the future portends.

Did it ever occur to the fathers and mothers of Elizabeth City that about 95 per cent of the parents of the present generation of boys and girls have moved here within the last twenty years? Mostly from the farm surrounding the city?

We are sure that fathers and mothers have not forgotten the long hours in the field with other members of the family during the busy season, nor the endless chores.

Recreation then consisted of an occasional birthday party, egg rolling, hog killing, quilting or church sociable.

An occasional trip to the nearest small city or perhaps, the county fair was an event to be looked forward to and talked about from one year's end to another.

Under such conditions 95 per cent of the fathers and mothers of Elizabeth City grew up and finally came here and became immediately immersed in the business, social and religious life of the city.

The children of these fathers and mothers are growing up under a very different environment from that under which their parents grew up.

The parents, harking back to their own childhood have not given due consideration to the changes that have taken place.

The types of recreation that were indulged in in the open country and small villages twenty years ago are not now possible for the youth of Elizabeth City or any other city.

Many cities have realized this and provided supervised playgrounds and other recreational facilities out of the public treasury and many others by public subscription.

Elizabeth City now has a splendid opportunity to line up with other progressive cities and provide such recreational facilities as are needed. Community Service through Mr. Moran, the Community Organizer, and Mr. Hoffmeister, the song leader, and Mr. Traenkle, the Recreational Worker, who is now here, are showing us the way.

Elizabeth City invited Community Service to come here and make a demonstration. So far the demonstration has certainly been a success. Let us—all of us—put our shoulders to the wheel and after these men are gone make Elizabeth City Community Service serve the whole community.

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE MAY BE CALLED

Due to an error on the part of a Senate Clerk in not recording a third roll call vote on the Municipal Finance Bill, the Governor may call an extra session of the Legislature, which would cost the State thousands of dollars.

Regardless of ones sincerity of heart or honesty of purpose, mistakes are expensive. Then why experiment with Tom, Dick and Harry when you are in need of Clothing and Shoes?

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C. A. COOKE,
Elizabeth City, N. C.
—advertisement.

BAPTISTS NOT DETERRED BY A WEEK OF BAD WEATHER

The 116th annual convention of the Chowan Baptist Association was held at Berea Baptist Church near Elizabeth City this week and was attended by hundreds of visitors, spite of the inclement weather. A familiar figure at the convention was Rev. Josiah Elliott, of Hertford, who is the oldest minister in the Association. The session concluded Wednesday.

—W. H. White and Frank Hill, both white, escaped from the third floor of Mecklenburg jail. With a hack saw they sawed through iron bars an inch thick and with a case knife dug through a 14-inch brick wall, letting themselves to the ground with blankets tied together.

—Dr. B. W. Gilgore, just back from a conference of representatives from 12 cotton growing States in Memphis, brings encouraging news to the cotton growers of this State. Eight Southern States have already adopted the same plan of co-operative marketing for cotton as that started in North Carolina and in these eight states 84 per cent of the cotton of America is produced.

—Ben Reid, colored, of Wilson, stabbed his wife six times instantly killing her. He then slashed himself twice across the throat and as he was running from the house, drove the blade into his left side and dropped unconscious a few feet away. Little hope is held for his recovery.

SEND What You SPEND ONE DAY To China

5,000,000 Chinese Famine Victims Still Need American Help Before June.
\$1 will save one life one month.
PICK A PAL IN CHINA FOR A DAY

To hasten the work of relief, this newspaper will forward contributions to the local Treasurer, or to the National Treasurer, China Famine Fund, Bible House, New York City.

Taking Our Loss Like a Farmer

Now is the time to purchase Furniture, almost at your own price, while money is at a premium. Our prices are cut on the larger portion of our stock, more than half. We have disposed of the greatest part of our merchandise that was purchased on a high market, and what has not been disposed of, the prices are cut, and we are taking our loss as the farmers are taking theirs.

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MRS. CHARLOTTE HARRELL.

Mrs. Charlotte Harrell, 79 years of age, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. T. W. Williams, Jr. in this city, following an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Harrell was a native of Bertie county and had lived in this city about ten years. She is survived by a son, T. W. Ward, of Norfolk, and by one sister, Mrs. Mary White, of Bertie.

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FOR ALDERMAN FIRST WARD W. T. LOVE, Jr.

Here Is His Platform

1. Better City morally.
2. Enforcement and enforcement of laws protecting youth of city.
3. Observance of Sabbath.
4. Stronger and more efficient police force.
5. Better Schools.
6. Public playground for children under proper supervision.
7. Strictly sanitary, up-to-date, better equipped City Market.
8. An abattoir, where all meats are inspected and graded.
9. Modern dairy.
10. Such sanitary conditions as will improve health of city.
11. Whole-time health officer and community nurse.
12. Salary of City Manager according to ability.
13. Advancement in street paving.
14. Better lighted streets.
15. City owning and operating its own light, water and sewerage plant.
16. More careful expenditure of city's money.

Hot Bread Twice Daily

We are now baking mornings and afternoons for Dinner and Supper. We have an experienced baker, who has had 12 years' experience in baking. Try our Bread, Rolls, Cakes, Pies, Doughnuts and Cream Puffs.

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